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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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For: **METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR SUPPLEMENTATION OF NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES IN RENAL PATIENTS**

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed 13 August 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the following proposed amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2-13, 21, 39-40, 42-116, and 123 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter thereof.

Kindly enter the following proposed amendments to the claims:

1. (twice amended) A composition for supplementing nutritional deficiencies in a patient or person in need thereof, comprising about 45 mg to about 55 mg vitamin C, about 31.5 IU to about 38.5 IU vitamin E, about 180 μ g to about 220 μ g chromium, about 63 μ g to about 77 μ g selenium, about 18 mg to about 22 mg zinc, B-complex other than folic acid, and at least 800 μ g folic acid, wherein said composition is administerable to a patient or person.